

REMARKS

Claims 39 to 100 are now pending.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of this response.

With respect to paragraph two (2) of the Office Action, Applicant thanks the Examiner for entering the Replacement Drawing Sheets for Figures 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7A, 7B and 8).

With respect to paragraph eleven (11), Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims would be allowable if the definiteness requirements are met, and if a Terminal Disclaimer is filed to overcome the double patenting rejections. A Terminal Disclaimer accompanies this response, and as explained below, it is believed that claims 39 to 40 are therefore allowable for the following reasons.

With respect to paragraph three (3), the Drawings were objected to for various reasons. The objections are addressed as follows:

As to Figure 4, reference numbers 30 now point to the second-pulleys, as suggested.

As to Figure 5, the reference line 24 has been deleted, as suggested, and the right-hand occurrence of reference line 32 has been deleted as suggested. Also, the reference line 62 has been deleted, as suggested.

As to Figure 6, it now indicates "Sensor(s)" for boxes 72 and 74 (and not "Sensors(s)), as suggested.

As to Figures 7A and 7B, element 28 and the reference line for element 28 have been deleted, the pull rod/cable arrangement 120 has been deleted in Figure 7B, the lower arrow in Figure 7A has been deleted, and the upper arrow in Figure 7B has been deleted, as suggested.

Although the suggestions may not be agreed with for various reasons, the corrections have been made to facilitate matters.

Approval and entry of the Replacement Sheets which reflect the corrected Drawings is respectfully requested. It is therefore respectfully requested that the drawings objections be withdrawn in view of the foregoing.

With respect to paragraph six (6), claims 52 to 80 and 94 to 100 were objected to for various reasons.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

Please amend without prejudice the drawings as follows (the Replacement Sheets for Figures 4, 5, 6, 7A, and 7B accompany this response):

As to Figure 4, reference numbers 30 now point to the second-pulleys, as suggested.

As to Figure 5, the reference line 24 has been deleted, as suggested, and the right-hand occurrence of reference line 32 has been deleted as suggested. Also, the reference line 62 has been deleted, as suggested.

As to Figure 6, it now indicates "Sensor(s)" for boxes 72 and 74 (and not "Sensors(s)), as suggested.

As to Figures 7A and 7B, element 28 and the reference line for element 28 have been deleted, the pull rod/cable arrangement 120 has been deleted in Figure 7B, the lower arrow in Figure 7A has been deleted, and the upper arrow in Figure 7B has been deleted, as suggested.

Although the suggestions may not be agreed with for various reasons, the corrections have been made to facilitate matters.

Approval and entry of the Replacement Sheets which reflect the corrected Drawings is respectfully requested. It is therefore respectfully requested that the drawings objections be withdrawn in view of the foregoing.

As to claim 52, it is asserted that claim 52 merely repeats a feature found in claim 50. In this regard, claim 51 now depends from claim 40, so that claim 52 depends from claim 51 without repeating the feature of claim 50. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 52 is allowable.

As to claim 60, “front-seat” has been changed to “front seat”, and “a front” has been changed to “the front”, as suggested. Approval and entry are respectfully requested.

As to claim 72, “claim71” has been corrected to “claim 71”, as suggested.

As to claim 94, it is asserted that it repeats a feature found in claim 86. Claim 94 now depends from claim 81, so that claim 84 is allowable.

As to claims 98 to 100, it was suggested that “position” should be inserted after “clearance”. Claims 98 to 100 have been corrected as suggested.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the objections as to claims 52 to 80 and 94 to 100 be withdrawn.

With respect to paragraph seven (7), claims 39 to 100 were rejected as indefinite under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

While the rejections may not be agreed with, to facilitate matters, the claims have been corrected as suggested, so that claims 39 to 100 are allowable.

In particular, claims 39, 81, 43, 44, 55, 86, 94, 46, 57, 67, 78, 88, 96, 59, 60 and 80 (in the order commented on in the Office Action at page 4) have been amended as suggested, so that these claims are allowable. *It is noted that claim 57 now depends from claim 55 and not claim 56; claim 78 now depends from claim 76 and not claim 77; claim 96 now depends from claim 94 and not claim 95; and claim 98 now depends from claim 81 and not claim 90.*

Approval and entry are respectfully requested.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the indefiniteness rejections be withdrawn.

With respect to paragraphs nine (9) and ten (10), claims 39 to 100 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 to 16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,293,584 (the ‘584 patent), and over claims 1 to 22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,634,669 (the ‘669 patent) .

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In this regard, while the rejections may not be agreed with, to facilitate matters, a Terminal Disclaimer as to U.S. Patents Nos. 6,293,584 and 6,634,669 accompanies this response.

Accordingly, claims 39 to 100 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the objections and rejections have been obviated, and that claims 39 to 100 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objections and rejections be withdrawn, and that the present application issue as early as possible. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned (Aaron C. Deditch, Esq.) at 212-908-6417.

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